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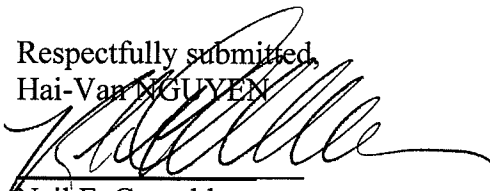
Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a refund in the amount of \$360.00 that was charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0089 on December 28, 2006 in connection with the filing of the Application on June 15, 2006.

The basis of this Request for Refund is that the account was charged for multiple dependent claims upon filing the Application on June 15, 2006. However, Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment eliminating multiple dependent claims concurrently with the Application on June 15, 2006. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment and the Electronic Acknowledgment Receipt evidencing the filing of the Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Preliminary Amendment.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A paper machine for the production of a paper, board, tissue or other fibrous web (2), comprising a press section (1) having at least one press nip and comprising an impingement dryer (13) arranged immediately after the press section,
characterized in that
the paper machine has an applicator (17) for applying a coating color in the manner of a curtain (21) or for the film application (26) of coating color or for spraying (31) coating color on.
2. (Original) The paper machine as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that
it comprises a press section (1) having at least one press nip, an impingement dryer (13) arranged immediately after the press section (1), a first part of a drying section (34.1), an applicator (17) for applying a coating color in the manner of a curtain (21) or for the film application (26) of coating color or for spraying (31) coating color on, and then a second part of a drying section (34.1).
3. (Currently Amended) The paper machine as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
characterized in that

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it has a machine speed of more than 1500 m/min, preferably of more than 1700 m/min, in particular of more than 1800 m/min.

4. (Currently Amended) The paper machine as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~,
characterized in that
the coating color has a viscosity in the range from 500 to 800 Pa·s.

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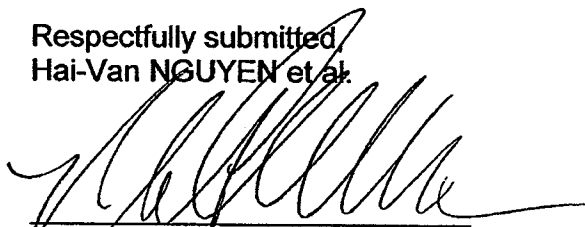
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Applicants note that the instant amendment has been prepared to remove multiply dependent claims in order to reduce governmental filing fees and to present the claims in better form for U.S. patent prosecution. Thus, Applicants submit that the instant amendment has not been made for any reasons related to patentability such that no estoppel should be deemed to attach.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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